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Section 1. Preliminary Statements


Applicant(s) submits herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

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Section 3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

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Section 4. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items

1. U.S. Pat. No. 4,649,680 issued to Weisner et al. on March 17, 1987

Discloses a skylight system for a standing seam roof in which plastic skylight sections are formed to have the same width as a standard metal roof panel and shaped to integrate into the standing seam roof in place of a standard metal roof panel between two standing seams.

2. U.S. Pat. No. 4,117,638 issued to Kidd, Jr. et al. on October 3, 1978

Discloses a skylight panel where the transparent panel is shaped to clip into the standing rib interface in place of a metal central panel.

3. U.S. Pat. No. 4,730,426 issued to Weisner, et al. on March 15, 1988

Discloses a skylight for a barrel tile roof. The skylight is made of plastic and folded along the edges to mate with the standing seams on each side of the skylight. The width of the skylight is the width of an integral number of roof tiles, creating joints at each standing seam.

4. U.S. Pat. No. 5,323,576 issued to Gumpert et al. on June 28, 1994

Discloses a skylight system for use on metal standing seam roofs. The skylight is curbless and integrates into the flat metal panel between two adjacent standing seams. The roof panel is cut and the edges are folded back to form a lip over which a bubble-shaped covering is placed and sealed. In this manner, material is shed off the roof between the two standing seams and able to flow past the skylight.

5. U.S. Pat. No. 4,848,051 issued to Weisner et al. on July 18, 1989

Discloses a low profile skylight for a shingled sloping roof with a unitary rectangular frame having an upstanding standing seam element along each longitudinal edge. Head and sill flashings are provided to seal the remaining perimeter of the skylight.

6. U.S. Pat. No. 4,860,511 issued to Weisner et al. on August 29, 1989

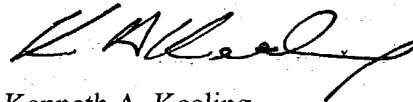
Discloses a curbless skylight having a central dome and a pair of standing seam edges suitable for installation in a metal standing seam roof, wherein the standing seam edges are joined to adjacent metal standing seams with the same covered by battens.

Section 5. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

The person making this statement is:

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